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Narrative Information Sheet

1. Applicant Identification

Name: Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG)

Address: 5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut 06360-1501

2. Funding Requested

a. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide

b. Federal Funds Requested: \$266,700 (hazardous substances & petroleum)

c. Contamination: Hazardous Substances (\$197,350) and Petroleum (\$67,350)

3. Location

a. Three municipalities: Town of Bozrah, Town of Lisbon, and Town Sprague

b. New London County

c. State of Connecticut

4. Property Information for Site-Specific Proposals

Not applicable.

5. Contacts

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6. Population

Population of target-area towns:

Town of Bozrah: 2,587

Town of Lisbon: 4,300

Town of Sprague: 2,942

Source: 2013 – 2017 American Community Survey, United States Census Bureau.

Member Municipalities:

Bozrah * Colchester * East Lyme * Franklin * Griswold * Borough of Jewett City * City of Groton * Town of Groton * Lebanon * Ledyard * Lisbon * Montville * New London * North Stonington * Norwich * Preston * Salem * Sprague * Stonington * Stonington Borough * Waterford * Windham

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7. Other Factors Checklist

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	Yes, p.1 of Narrative Information Sheet
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	N/A
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	N/A
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	Yes, p. 1 of Narrative Proposal
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	Yes, p. 1 of Narrative Proposal
The redevelopment of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or any energy efficiency improvement projects.	Yes, pp. 2-3 of Narrative Proposal
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	No, pp. 7-8 of Narrative Proposal

8. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority

See attached letter from Mark Lewis, Brownfields Coordinator, Office of Constituent Affairs & Land Management, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), dated November 15, 2019.

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November 15, 2019

Ms. Amanda Kennedy
Assistant Director
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

Re: State Acknowledgement Letter for EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for FY 20

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

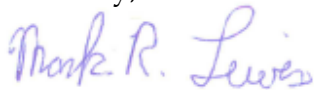
The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) acknowledges that the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) intends apply to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfields Assessment Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2020. The SCCOG plans to use the grant funding to conduct assessments at various properties contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum in communities served by the SCCOG. These communities include, but are not limited to the Towns of Sprague, Lisbon and Bozrah.

If petroleum assessment grant funds are awarded by EPA, DEEP or EPA must determine the eligibility of each site before any site specific assessments are conducted using the petroleum assessment grant funds.

You may want to refer to DEEP's PREPARED Municipal Workbook. This on- line guidebook is designed to help municipalities navigate the complex process of remediating and redeveloping brownfields. The Workbook is available on our web site at http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2715&q=555770&deepNav_GID=1626.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (860) 424-3768 or by e-mail at mark.lewis@ct.gov. Good luck with your application.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Lewis
Brownfields Coordinator
Office of Constituent Affairs & Land Management

C: Sam Alexander, SCCOG (via e- mail)
Ms. Dorrie Paar, EPA (via e- mail)
Dr. Nefeli Bompoti, UConn (via e- mail)

Narrative Proposal

1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

1.a. Target Area and Brownfields

1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area

The Towns of Sprague, Lisbon and Bozrah each have fewer than 5,000 residents. The towns share a common rural character and face challenges stemming from their small size, low tax bases, and presence of vacant, polluted properties. The three towns were economically impacted by the decline of manufacturing in eastern Connecticut, in and around the mid-twentieth century. Recently, a major regional manufacturer, Fusion Paperboard in Sprague, closed in 2014, leaving a very large, heavily contaminated site. This site is representative of a trend: brownfields sites face an up-hill battle toward reuse, due in part to a lack of local capital for site assessment and planning.

1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

There are two Priority Sites in the Town of Sprague. The former Fusion Paperboard (FP) property, once a cardboard production facility, has been owned by the Town since 2017. It is a 486-acre site at 130 Inland Road, which also extends into Lisbon. While site investigations have taken place in the past two years, there remain 82 acres of un- or under-assessed area. This consists of land and structures with varying history, including a quarry, landfill, and a former gauze mill. Each portion of the site requires investigation and may require separate plans for redevelopment and reuse. Small portions of the site are in mapped 100-year and 500-year Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplains of the Little River.

The second Priority Site is a 2.34-acre former industrial mill at 41B West Main Street, also owned by the Town, in the village of Baltic. The “Shannon Mill” is in a small downtown village area, near residences, businesses, parks, and municipal offices. Portions of the site are in mapped 100-year and 500-year FEMA floodplains of Beaver Brook. The extent and specificity of contamination of the Shannon Mill site is currently not known.

One Priority Site is located in Lisbon. Textile Prints (TP) is a former textile dying facility, and its property includes roughly 200 acres of managed forest land. TP is located at 99 River Road, in a commercial corridor, near two, large shopping plazas, and across the Quinebaug River from a high school. When it operated, TP often exceeded effluent discharge limits for copper, zinc, oil, and grease, which was retained on-site in aeration lagoons. TP’s mill facility is now torn down, but past, dated site investigations indicate contamination at the site of the mill as well. The portions of the site containing the torn-down mill and aeration lagoons are about six (6) acres. There is a grocery store and parking on about four (4) acres of the site, fronting River Road.

There is one Priority Site in the Town of Bozrah. The former “Mimmo’s” service station is located near residences and business on Salem Turnpike. Mimmo’s is impacted by subsurface contamination resulting from leaking underground petroleum tanks. The tanks are now removed, but the extent to of underground contamination requires further examination and eventual mitigation to prevent contamination of nearby water supply wells.

1.b. Revitalization of the Target Areas

1.b.i. Redevelopment Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

The greater southeastern Connecticut region expects its largest employer to greatly expand its workforce in the coming decades; General Dynamics Electric Boat is a submarine manufacturer in the nearby cities of Groton and New London, which currently employs about 12,500 people.¹ Expansion up to another 5,000-net workers will result in greatly increased demand for housing and services in the region. A portion of this demand will have outsized impacts on smaller towns like Bozrah, Lisbon, and Sprague, as shown in a recent SCCOG report. This is an economic opportunity

will infuse the region with much-needed capital, creating an environment friendly to brownfield redevelopment. Thus, this is the ideal time for SCCOG to coordinate assessment of brownfields; by getting ahead of the anticipated change in economic conditions, and having assessments and reuse plans completed now for the target area communities. Indeed, the Priority Sites in this application benefit from identified visions for reuse.

The Town of Sprague's 2018 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) articulates a vision for its village center, Baltic, which is home to the Shannon Mill. This vision calls for a greater mix of uses, such as restaurants and affordable housing, promoting the area's historical significance, and developing a trail network to take advantage of unrealized outdoor recreation opportunities. This will be made possible by reuse of the Shannon Mill, which is currently a vacant site, centrally located in Baltic. The vision for redeveloping the former FP site, contained in the POCD, includes marketing to a use that can benefit from the existing rail siding, such as aerospace manufacturing, and subdividing the property to accommodate compatible uses, such as solar arrays, agriculture, open space, bike trails, or housing. This is a very large site, and would logically house multiple uses, with the goal of augmenting the tax base and providing needed services. Both properties are served by sewer. The TP site is served by public water, and the FP site operated an on-site public water system; it is within about 1.5 miles of a municipal public water system.

The Town of Lisbon's 2016 POCD articulates different development alternatives for the TP property. The TP property is located along a commercial corridor, anchored by two large retail shopping complexes, at an Interstate highway exit. Redevelopment alternatives contained in the POCD propose coordinated development between the TP property and neighboring properties to introduce more retail space and transportation improvements, including "walkability" principles, along River Road. Various forms of residential development, or open space preservation, are envisioned for the vacant, forested area of the TP site. The site is served by public water and sewer.

The Town of Bozrah's 2015 POCD speaks to the need to preserve the character of the town and contribute to economic development. Mimmo's is located along a commercial corridor, that is identified as appropriate for additional commercial growth in the POCD, with the goal of providing additional retail and services, while growing the tax base. The site is appropriate for light business, such as a restaurant or store. The site is less than half of a mile from a recent water and sewer extension. There are also residences nearby Mimmo's.

All the above-stated redevelopment visions are consistent with SCCOG's 2017 Regional POCD. The corridors containing the four Priority Sites are identified as being appropriate for medium-to-high density development, including commercial, industrial and mixed uses.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Redevelopment Strategy

The three target-area towns have experienced negative economic conditions that will certainly be helped by sustainable, community-endorsed redevelopment of brownfield sites. Further, the three towns, due to their size and fiscal condition, have few resources required to accomplish brownfield identification, assessment, and reuse planning. With all Priority Sites, renewable energy generation is a consideration and priority for reuse planning.

Site assessments and reuse plans will enable the sale and redevelopment of Priority Sites. The potential to redevelop these sites, following completion of assessments and reuse plans, will be further improved by economic activity in the region related to General Dynamics Electric Boat, as previously described. Expansion of the Electric Boat workforce is expected to create new jobs "downstream" in supportive industries, as well as services and retail to serve the new population. Improving the reuse potential of brownfields in the three target-area towns improves their potential to capitalize on these expected, coming economic conditions.

The Town of Sprague is currently identified as a “Distressed Municipality” in Connecticut, based on resident income, need for social services, and tax base. Sprague and Lisbon are located in a State-designated Enterprise Corridor Zone as a result of poverty, unemployment, and public-assistance levels. The Enterprise Corridor Zone designation allows the towns to offer State-backed financial incentives for manufacturing and warehousing operations. Aside from State-backed incentives, Connecticut municipalities often make use of non-backed tax-reduction incentives and other incentives such as waiver of building fees.

Redevelopment of the properties, following established practices for mitigating and removing contaminants, will have a significant benefit to the environment, by improving soil health, improving groundwater quality, and removing the potential for other environmental interactions with contaminants, such as with wildlife. For residents living, working, or shopping near these brownfield sites, particularly children and senior citizens, removing environmental contamination presents a major improvement in quality of life and reduction in health risk.

Finally, a brownfields inventory for the three-town area will benefit future assessment and reuse efforts, not related to the Priority Sites. An inventory will also build capacity in each town, and for SCCOG staff, related to brownfields redevelopment and planning.

1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources

1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

The successful implementation of this project for inventory, assessment, and reuse planning related to brownfields in the Towns of Bozrah, Lisbon, and Sprague will bring Priority Sites and other to-be-identified sites closer to remediation and reuse. The project will benefit from existing State and local programs for businesses, and will leverage SCCOG staff time and State funds for brownfields redevelopment. State of Connecticut grant and loan programs for brownfields redevelopment include: The Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization Grant, the Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program, the Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program, and the Municipal Brownfield Liability Relief Program. These programs are available to Priority Sites and additional brownfields in all three municipalities. SCCOG staff will remain to assist the three municipalities with grant applications after completion of the project. The Town of Sprague, because of its status as a Distressed Municipality, as mentioned in Section 1.a.i, is eligible for the Urban Sites Remedial Action Program, also through the State of Connecticut.

As noted in Section 1.b.ii, the Sprague and Lisbon are part of the “Interstate 395 Enterprise Corridor Zone”. Inclusion in the Enterprise Corridor Zone allows for certain manufacturing and warehousing businesses to receive tax credits and State-backed local tax incentives. These benefits will enhance the reuse possibilities of Priority Sites, particularly the FP property. Absent Enterprise Corridor Zone incentives, municipalities may offer local tax abatements.

The Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer) provides subsidized loans to small- and medium sized business in southeastern Connecticut. Redevelopment strategies for all properties could potentially identify seCTer as a partner. CT Green Bank, which provides capital for development projects that include green and high-efficiency building practices, is another source of leveraged funding. Renewable energy is a priority for reuse planning.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure

Redevelopment options each site will capitalize on the availability of water and sewer. The TP and Shannon Mill sites are served by centralized public water and sewer systems. The FP property is served by centralized sewer, operated a public water system, and is within 1.5 miles of centralized public water. Mimmo’s is less than half a mile from newly extended water in sewer lines; the Town of Bozrah plans to extend the systems to Mimmo’s and surrounding properties. A natural gas

service line was recently extended to within one half of a mile of the Mimmo's site. The FP site was served by natural gas when it was occupied; the service line still exists.

Portions of the former FP property contain rail siding that can be updated for use in plans to attract defense or other manufactures. The New England Central Railroad received a US Department of Transportation, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant in 2014 to upgrade 55 miles of track, an effort that was greatly needed to improve rail access to the Port of New London; this effort will impact the marketability of the FP site.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.a. Community Need

2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding

All three target-area towns exhibit numerous indicators of need for EPA Assessment funds. As previously mentioned, the lack of tax base and municipal resources put these towns at a relative disadvantage to larger municipalities that often have fewer brownfields per capita. Priority Sites are located in key economic corridors in all three towns, meaning that the sites are well positioned for redevelopment, which would have a lasting impact on economies and finances.

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

As demonstrated below, sensitive populations are disproportionately impacted by the presence of brownfields in the three target-area towns. Brownfield remediation efforts such those proposed under this project will have a lasting positive impact on the residents of Bozrah, Lisbon, and Sprague, and more specifically the heavily impacted neighborhoods containing brownfields. Brownfield remediation will improve the economy, create jobs, and improve quality of life.

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

Nearly 30% of the population of the Town of Bozrah is 65 or older, which exceeds the national average of 14% by a wide margin.² The Census Block Groups containing the TP property, the FP property, and Mimmo's, also have a senior population share greater than the State of Connecticut share of 16%.³

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

A number of public health indicators demonstrate decreased mental and physical health in the target-area towns, which may be influenced by the environment and the presence of brownfields. Lisbon and Sprague have child asthma rates of 15.8% and 17.5%, respectively, which exceed the statewide rate of 13.9%.⁴ Lisbon and Sprague have lung cancer death rates of 64.5 and 53.7 per 100,000, respectively, which greatly exceed the statewide rate of 47.5.⁵ Bozrah has mental health program admission rate of 157.27 per 10,000, compared to the statewide rate of 143.58. Sprague has a substantially higher substance abuse program admission rate than the State of Connecticut: 172.76 per 10,000, compared to 149.47.⁶ Substance abuse, particularly opioid abuse, which is a concerning public health crisis in Connecticut and New England, is closely tied to environmental and social factors.⁷ It is a syndrome of "despair", which may very well be mitigated by an improved economic outlook, additional jobs, and removal of deteriorating properties.

(3) Disproportionately Impacted Populations

The Block Group encompassing the village of Baltic and containing the Shannon Mill site has a minority population of 17.2%, representing 84% of Sprague's minority population.⁸ The same Block Group has a poverty rate of 10.7%, higher than the State of Connecticut's poverty, which is less than 10.1%.⁹ These Block Group-level demographics are indicative of a trend that is not always represented in Census statistics, because the Block Group is still a relatively large geography when compared to mill village in the target-area towns. Small mill villages like Baltic, and including Hanover and Versailles, in Sprague, and Fitchville and Gilman, in Bozrah, contain

lower-quality housing and the towns' poorest populations. These residents are the most proximate to former mills like the Shannon Mill, which are often contaminated.

Similar in nature to substance abuse, all three towns have high populations of “disengaged youth”. In Bozrah, Lisbon, and Sprague, between 2012 and 2016, 13.9%, 7%, and 9% of youth were disengaged, compared with 5% in Connecticut.¹⁰ Disengaged youth are individuals between 16 and 19 not enrolled in education or participating in the labor force. Brownfield redevelopment should have direct impacts on the economic prospect of these individuals.

The unemployment rates of the Town of Lisbon and the Block Group containing the Shannon Mill are greater than the State of Connecticut unemployment rate.¹¹ The median household income in Sprague is significantly lower than the State of Connecticut median, \$62,178 compared to \$73,781. The median household incomes of Block Groups containing the FP property and the Shannon mill are \$65,686 and \$54,444, respectively.¹²

2.b. Community Engagement

2.b.i. Project Partners

Primary project partners, roles, and contact information are contained in the table below. Aside from SCCOG staff, which will oversee and plan work, and administer the grant, major partners are the target-area towns, through the office of the First Selectman (the chief elected official), qualified environmental firm(s), to be named, and coordinating partner organizations that hold a mission aligned with brownfields redevelopment. The list of partners identified below is inclusive of the most important aspects of brownfields planning, while not being overly robust and unworkable. Municipal chief elected officials represent the broad interests of the community and are appropriate point people for public involvement. SeCTer, as described earlier, is a partner in economic development and major player in the economic health of southeastern Connecticut. The Last Green Valley is an organization involved in historic preservation, tourism, and environmental conservation. The Eastern Connecticut Conservation District is a major regional player in environmental health and quality, and conservation planning.

Additional partners will be local land use commissioners and the residents of the target-area towns. Indeed, public input and public engagement, including the support and influence of local land use commissions and residents, is the cornerstone of the proposed project.

Partner Name	Point of Contact (name, title, email, phone)	Role
Town of Sprague	Cheryl Blanchette, First Selectman (860) 822-3000. firstselectman@ctsprague.org	Subject municipality
Town of Lisbon	Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman (860) 376-3400. tsparkman@lisbonct.com	Subject municipality
Town of Bozrah	Carl Zorn, First Selectman (860) 889-2689. firstselectman@bozrahct.org	Subject municipality
Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer)	Nancy Cowser, Executive Director (860) 437-4659. ncowser@secter.org	Coordinating partner
The Last Green Valley (TLGV)	Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director (860) 774-3300. lois@tlgv.org	Coordinating partner
Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD)	Dan Mullins, Executive Director (860) 319-8806. dan.mullins@comcast.net	Coordinating partner

2.b.ii. Project Partner Roles

Project partner roles reflect the importance of public involvement. As outlined in the “Threshold Criteria” for this project proposal, SCCOG will work in conjunction with the municipal chief elected officials coordinating partner agencies throughout the process, and in a public facing manner. Municipal chief elected officials and coordinating partners will assist when developing brownfields inventories, reviewing draft and completed materials, and during reuse planning.

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input

SCCOG staff will establish and implement a community engagement plan that encompasses the brownfield inventory, site assessment, and reuse planning aspects of the proposed project, and that is on-going from inception to completion. As outlined in the “Threshold Criteria” for this project proposal, SCCOG will ensure that the public is made aware of the continuous progress of this proposed project, is involved in brownfields inventories, reviewing site assessment documents, and developing reuse plans. To achieve robust public involvement, SCCOG staff will use the organization’s website, press releases, public workshops, and open meetings with stakeholders.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

3.a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

Project tasks/activities are as listed below. SCCOG staff time spent on this project, primarily under Task/Activity 1, will represent an in-kind match. Effort was made to maximize the budget for reuse planning. Priority Sites are envisioned to receive assessment and reuse planning funds. If the qualified environmental firm(s) find that phase I and or II assessments are not needed on one or more sites (this is not expected), a substitute site will be selected from the brownfields inventory. The substitute site will receive assessments and reuse planning.

<i>(1) Task/Activity: Community Engagement and Project Coordination</i>	
<u>i. Project Implementation</u>	This task will apply to Priority Sites and non-priority sites. SCCOG time spent on this activity is a leveraged, in-kind resource and match. Community engagement is discussed in detail in the “Threshold Criteria” portion of this proposal.
<u>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule</u>	Months 1 - 36
<u>iii. Task/Activity Lead(s)</u>	Sam Alexander (SCCOG); Amanda Kennedy (SCCOG)
<u>iv. Output(s)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement plan document for project use • Community-focused inventory meetings in each town; resultant input • Other public meetings of project partners • Public reuse planning workshops in each affected town • Public information such as website updates and press releases • Updates and milestones from environmental firm(s) • Required grant performance tracking and updates with EPA • Attendance (2) to a brownfields conference in Devens, MA

<i>(2) Task/Activity: Brownfields Inventory</i>	
<u>i. Project Implementation</u>	The contracted qualified LEP(s) will, with input from SCCOG, project partners, and local communities, complete a three-town inventory of brownfields sites based on available information.
<u>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule</u>	Months 1 - 3
<u>iii. Task/Activity Lead(s)</u>	Qualified environmental firm(s)

<u>iv. Output(s)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft brownfields inventory; GIS data and database • Brownfields inventory; GIS data and database
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(3) Task/Activity: <i>Phase I Investigations</i>	
<u>i. Project Implementation</u>	Phase II investigations will be done at Priority Sites, or other sites to-be-determined, if Phase II investigations are not needed at one or more Priority Sites.
<u>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule</u>	Months 3 - 18
<u>iii. Task/Activity Lead(s)</u>	Qualified environmental firm(s)
<u>iv. Output(s)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft phase I investigations for priority sites (x4) • Phase I investigations for priority sites (x4)

(4) Task/Activity: <i>Phase II Investigations</i>	
<u>i. Project Implementation</u>	Phase I investigations will be done at Priority Sites, or other sites to-be-determined, if Phase II investigations are not needed at one or more Priority Sites.
<u>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule</u>	Months 6 - 24
<u>iii. Task/Activity Lead(s)</u>	Qualified environmental firm(s)
<u>iv. Output(s)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft phase II investigations for priority sites (x4) • Phase II investigations for priority sites (x4)

(5) Task/Activity: <i>Re-Use Planning</i>	
<u>i. Project Implementation</u>	Reuse plans will be developed for sites on which assessment activities were conducted.
<u>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule</u>	Months 18 - 36
<u>iii. Task/Activity Lead(s)</u>	Qualified environmental firm(s)
<u>iv. Output(s)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft reuse plans for priority sites (x4) • Reuse plans for priority sites (x4)

3.b. Cost Estimates

3.b.i. Development of Cost Estimates

Budget Category	<u>Task 1:</u> Project Coord.	<u>Task 2:</u> Bfld. Inventory	<u>Task 3:</u> Phase I Assmts.	<u>Task 4:</u> Phase II Assmts.	<u>Task 5:</u> Reuse Planning	Total
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel/Conference	\$2000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
Contractual: Haz. Sub.	\$0	\$16,000	\$12,000	\$120,000	\$48,000	\$196,000

Contractual: Petroleum	\$0	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$40,000	\$16,000	\$68,000
Meeting Expenses	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Total Direct	\$2,700	\$24,000	\$16,000	\$160,000	\$64,000	\$266,700
Total Indirect	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$2,700	\$24,000	\$16,000	\$160,000	\$64,000	\$266,700

3.b.ii. Application of Cost Estimates (see above)

3.b.iii. Funds Allocated Toward Environmental Sites Assessments (see above)

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE

4.a. Programmatic Capability

4.a.i. Organizational Structure

SCCOG staff will manage and administer the project. Qualified, contracted LEP firm(s) will perform inventories, phase I/II assessments, and develop reuse plans, with assistance from SCCOG staff, the public, coordinating partner agencies, and municipalities, as previously described.

Amanda Kennedy, AICP, Assistant Director/Director of Special Projects – Ms. Kennedy will be the Project Director and point person for grant administration. She will coordinate all required documentation and reporting to EPA. She will also be responsible for consultant selection. Ms. Kennedy has over 20 years’ of experience in urban and regional planning, community development, and real estate. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Samuel Alexander, AICP, Planner III – Mr. Alexander will be the Project Manager. Mr. Alexander will coordinate and review deliverables and drafts with the qualified contracted LEP firm(s). Mr. Alexander will also organize all meetings and public participation programming. Mr. Alexander has over five years’ experience in urban and regional planning and environmental planning. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Elizabeth Crutcher, GIS Coordinator – Ms. Crutcher will review and retain all spatial and aspatial data related to the brownfields inventory. Ms. Crutcher has over 25 years’ experience in database administration and geographic information systems (GIS).

Qualified Environmental Firm(s) – A firm or firms specializing in brownfields assessment and reuse planning will complete an inventory, phase I and II assessments, and reuse plans. SCCOG will issue a “Request for Qualifications and Proposals” and select a firm(s) based on proposed expense, firm qualifications, and the firm’s project proposal.

4.a.ii. Description of Key Staff (see above)

4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources

SCCOG staff have lengthy experience soliciting proposals for, and selecting qualified consultants. SCCOG staff will manage hiring a qualified firm(s). This is integral to the proposed project.

4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments

4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance

SCCOG is typically awarded one or more grants from Federal, State, or other partners, per year. SCCOG has a long history of utilizing large grants. Below are recently received grant awards used to accomplish projects similar in size, scope, or relevance to the proposed project. *Required sub-items (1) and (2) of Section 4.b.ii are incorporated into each project narrative below.*

Awarding Agency/Organization, Grant Program	Grant Term	Grant Amount
<i>Long-Range Planning to Mitigate Compatibility Issues Related to Expansion of Submarine Shipbuilding in Southeastern Connecticut, Anticipated Completion: Dec. 2019</i>		
Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, <i>Compatible Use Program (2 grants)</i>	Jun. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2019	\$330,423 (combined)
<i>Southeastern Connecticut Community Rating System Study, 2019</i>		
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, <i>Regional Performance Incentive Program</i>	Jan. 1, 2018 – Jun. 30, 2019	\$200,000
<i>SUBASE New London Joint Land Use Study, 2017</i>		
Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, <i>Compatible Use Program</i>	Oct. 1, 2016 – Dec. 31, 2017	\$319,187

Long-range Planning to Mitigate Compatibility Issues Related to Expansion of Submarine Shipbuilding in Southeastern Connecticut – This follow-up study to the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), discussed below, studies the effects of workforce expansion related to submarine shipbuilding at General Dynamics Electric Boat (EB), in Groton. EB expects major workforce expansion in the coming years to fulfill demand for additional submarines, under contract with the United States government. SUBASE New London expects force expansion in concert with EB.

Project Outcomes: A report detailing anticipated impacts on housing, transportation, the local economy, and ____; zoning technical assistance to the Town of Groton.

SCCOG Role: SCCOG managed grant compliance and contributed staff assistance for this project. Technical work was done by a team of consultants.

Reporting: SCCOG submitted quarterly reports to the Office of Economic Adjustment, which summarized progress toward objectives, specific accomplishments, and amount of money spent on budgeted activities. SCCOG received monthly progress reports from the consultant team and actively participated as staff. The Executive Director and Assistant Director of SCCOG were actively involved in all phases of the project.

Compliance Issues: There were no issues to report.

Southeastern Connecticut Community Rating System Study – The purpose of this study was to provide assistance to member municipalities interested in joining or improving standing in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS), a program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and to develop a model participation and enrollment guide for future municipalities interested in the CRS.

Project Outcomes: Three municipalities currently in the CRS will improve or have improved CRS standing as a result of this project. Three non-CRS municipalities will also be enrolled in the CRS. The completed CRS model and enrollment produced will allow staff to assist other member municipalities with enrollment in the future.

SCCOG Role: SCCOG managed grant compliance and contributed staff assistance for this project. Technical work was done by a consultant.

Reporting: SCCOG submits quarterly reports to the CT Office of Policy and Management, which summarize the current progress of the project, expected completion, and obstacles. SCCOG is working closely with the consultant team throughout the duration of the project and receives monthly progress reports.

Compliance Issues: There were no issues to report.

SUBASE New London Joint Land Use Study – A JLUS is cooperative land-use planning effort between local government and a military installation to ensure the lasting compatibility of an

installation with its neighboring community by creating a policy framework that supports the community's economy and environment without compromising the military's mission.

Project Outcomes: The SUBASE New London JLUS identified issues and developed strategies related to the interactions between SUBASE New London, and the towns in proximity to the base, including strategies related to transportation, use of the Thames River, land use, and coordination and cost-sharing. Strategies encouraged cooperation between local governments, SUBASE New London, the Department of Defense, local businesses, and other stakeholders such as the CT Department of Transportation. Strategies of the study are currently being implemented by an Implementation Committee, which meets regularly. This project met the intended use of funds under the Compatible Use program, which is to ensure military bases are able to carry out their operations in-line with the defense needs, with mutual respect given to the built and natural environments of the areas in which they are located. The project resulted in a successful grant application for a follow-up study, as already discussed.

SCCOG Role: SCCOG managed grant compliance and contributed staff assistance as an in-kind match for this project. Technical work was done by a consultant team.

Reporting: Similar to the follow-up study to the JLUS, SCCOG submitted quarterly reports to the Office of Economic Adjustment, which summarized progress toward objectives, specific accomplishments, and amount of money spent on budgeted activities. SCCOG received monthly progress reports from the consultant team and actively participated as staff. The Executive Director and Assistant Director of SCCOG were actively involved in all phases of the project.

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¹Pazniokas, M. (2019, January 14). Lamont: Electric Boat boasts 'extraordinary numbers' to double workforce. CT Mirror. CT Post. Retrieved from <https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Lamont-Electric-Boat-boasts-extraordinary-13532154.php>

² United States Census Bureau / American FactFinder. (2019). 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates. Census Bureau. Retrieved from <https://factfinder.census.gov/>

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⁴ Connecticut Department of Public Health. (2012). Children with Asthma 2009 - 2012. CT Data Collaborative. Retrieved from <http://data.ctdata.org/visualization/children-with-asthma>

⁵ Connecticut Department of Public Health. (2014). Lung Cancer Deaths: 2010 - 2014. Connecticut Data Collaborative. Retrieved from <http://data.ctdata.org/visualization/lung-cancer-deaths>

⁶ Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. (n.d.). Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions: 2016. Connecticut Data Collaborative. Retrieved from <http://data.ctdata.org/visualization/mental-health-and-substance-abuse-treatment-admissions>

⁷ Dasgupta, N., Beletsky, L., & Ciccarone, D. (2018). Opioid Crisis: No Easy Fix to Its Social and Economic Determinants. American Journal of Public Health.

⁸ United States Census Bureau / American FactFinder. (2019). 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates. Census Bureau. Retrieved from <https://factfinder.census.gov/>

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¹⁰ Connecticut Data Collaborative. (2018). Disengaged Youth: 2012 - 2016. Connecticut Data Collaborative. Retrieved from <http://data.ctdata.org/visualization/disengaged-youth>

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Threshold Criteria

1. Applicant Eligibility

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) is a Regional Council of Governments, established under Sections 4-124i through 4-124p of the Connecticut General Statutes. Regional Councils of Governments are authorized under Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-234p to apply for, and make use of, Federal and other funds (see attachment).

SCCOG represents 22 municipalities in southeastern Connecticut. SCCOG coordinates inter-municipal action to address regional issues facing its member municipalities. Member municipalities include the three Target Area towns of this application: the Town of Bozrah, the Town of Lisbon, and the Town of Sprague

2. Community Involvement

SCCOG staff will design and implement a community engagement plan that encompasses the brownfield inventory, site assessment, and reuse planning aspects of the proposed project, and that is on-going from inception to completion. Throughout the project, SCCOG staff will use the organization's website to advertise meeting dates, update the public on progress of the project, either monthly or more frequently depending on the pace of progress at different points of the project, and post draft and final inventories, site selection for assessments, site assessments, and reuse plans. SCCOG staff will also continually update the SCCOG board, monthly.

Community outreach during the brownfield inventory process will specifically require public workshops in each town, designed to engage the public, elected officials and appointed staff, coordinating partner agencies (see table below), and local land use commissioners. Workshops will be publicized through press releases, posting meeting agendas, and on the SCCOG website.

Reuse planning efforts will again require publicly facing workshops, in the towns in which reuse planning is proposed, to gain valuable input. These public workshops will be publicized through press releases, posting meeting agendas, and on the SCCOG website. As stated, draft and reuse plans will be posted to the SCCOG website, along with all preceding project documents.

Partner Name	Point of Contact (name, title, email, phone)	Role
Town of Sprague	Cheryl Blanchette, First Selectman (860) 822-3000. firstselectman@ctsprague.org	Subject municipality
Town of Lisbon	Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman (860) 376-3400. tsparkman@lisbonct.com	Subject municipality
Town of Bozrah	Carl Zorn, First Selectman (860) 889-2689. firstselectman@bozrahct.org	Subject municipality
Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer)	Nancy Cowser, Executive Director (860) 437-4659. ncowser@secter.org	Coordinating partner
The Last Green Valley (TLGV)	Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director (860) 774-3300. lois@tlgv.org	Coordinating partner
Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD)	Dan Mullins, Executive Director (860) 319-8806. dan.mullins@comcast.net	Coordinating partner

SCCOG staff will meet as needed with qualified environmental contractors, chief elected officials and municipal staff, coordinating partner agencies, State officials, and other interested stakeholders. Meetings will be open to the public.

3. Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments does have an active Brownfields Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

ATTACHEMENT

Connecticut General Statutes sections 4-124i through 4-124p, concerning Regional Councils of Governments.

Link: https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_050.htm#sec_4-124p

- “Regional councils of governments” are established by member municipalities in planning regions established by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.
- Regional councils of governments are authorized by statute to receive and use Federal funds.

Sec. 4-124i. Regional councils of governments. Definitions. As used in sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive: (1) “Planning region” means a planning region of the state as defined or redefined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee under the provisions of section 16a-4a; (2) “Chief elected official” means the highest ranking elected governmental official of any town, city or borough within the state; (3) “Elected official” means any selectman, mayor, alderman, or member of a common council or other similar legislative body of any town or city, or warden or burgess of any borough; (4) “Council” means a regional council of governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive; (5) “Member” means any town, city or borough within a planning region of the state having become a member of a regional council of governments in accordance with sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive.

Sec. 4-124j. Creation. Membership. Withdrawal. Within any planning region of the state a regional council of governments may be created by the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, by ordinance of the legislative bodies of not less than sixty per cent of all towns, cities and boroughs within such planning region entitled to membership on such council as hereinafter provided. All towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region shall be entitled to membership on such council, including any city or borough with boundaries not coterminous with the boundaries of the town in which it is located. Any nonmember town, city or borough entitled to membership may join the council by the adoption of said sections by ordinance of its legislative body. Any member town, city or borough may withdraw from the council by adoption of an appropriate ordinance of its legislative body to become effective on the date of such adoption; provided, however, that any such withdrawing member shall be obligated to pay its pro rata share of expenses of operation and pro rata share of funds committed by the council to active programs as of such date of withdrawal.

Sec. 4-124k. Representatives of members. Each member of a regional council of governments shall be entitled to one representative on the council who shall be the chief elected official of such member, or in the absence of any such chief elected official, an elected official appointed in the manner provided by ordinance of the legislative body of such member. Each representative of a member shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of such council.

Sec. 4-124l. Certification of establishment of council. Transitional period. (a) Upon the adoption of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, or upon the ratification of a resolution adopting said sections, as provided in section 4-124j, by any town, city or borough entitled to membership on a regional council of governments, the clerk of such town, city or borough shall immediately prepare and file with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or his or her designee a certified copy of the adopting or ratifying ordinance, and, upon receipt of such certified ordinances from not less than sixty per cent of all such towns, cities and boroughs within a planning region, said secretary or his or her designee shall certify to such towns, cities and boroughs and all other eligible towns, cities and boroughs within the planning region, that a regional council of governments has been duly established within such planning region. Any subsequent ordinances adopting the provisions of said sections, or effecting the withdrawal from the council of a member shall be similarly filed. (b) (1) If two or more regional councils of governments, regional councils of elected officials, regional planning agencies or any combination of such councils or agencies exist within the same planning region at the time of an adoption or ratification pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the municipalities comprising such councils and agencies shall negotiate a consolidation of operations. The individual activities of such existing councils and agencies shall continue, uninterrupted, for the transitional period. Such transitional period shall commence upon the date of the certification by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. During such transitional period, the chief elected officials of each municipality within the planning region designated by the secretary pursuant to section 16a-4c shall constitute a transitional executive committee that shall have the following authority and responsibility: (A) To draft and propose bylaws for adoption by the certified regional council of governments; (B) to select and propose for election by the certified regional council of governments candidates for offices of such council, which may include one or more members of the transitional executive committee; (C) to propose staffing arrangements for adoption by the merged regional council of governments; (D) to prepare and propose, for adoption by the certified regional council of governments, a program of planning and implementation activities that shall provide for the assumption of active programs of the existing council or agency, as agreed upon and deemed appropriate by the transitional executive committee following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations, including a budget for such agreed-upon programs for a period not to exceed one year from the date on which the transitional period terminates; and (E) to propose, for adoption by the certified regional council of governments, the date on which the transitional period shall terminate, provided such date is not later than January 1, 2015. (2) Upon the termination of the transitional period, the certified regional council of governments shall succeed to and be responsible for all of the rights, privileges and obligations, whether statutory or contractual, of any existing councils or agencies relating to such active programs as may be recommended by the transitional executive committee and adopted by the certified regional council of governments following appropriate due diligence and good faith negotiations during such transitional period. Any of the rights, privileges and obligations of the existing councils or agencies that are deemed unacceptable, in the sole discretion of the transitional executive committee, for assumption by the certified regional council of governments may continue to be administered by an unincorporated association of the municipalities that comprised the existing council or agency for a term to be determined by the member municipalities.

Sec. 4-124m. Rights and duties of councils. Section 4-124m is repealed, effective January 1, 2015.

Sec. 4-124n. Bylaws. Officers. Committees. Meetings. A regional council of governments shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business and shall annually elect from among the representatives to the council a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, who shall be bonded, and such other officers as may be designated or permitted in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for alternate representatives of the council to attend and vote at any meeting in place of absent representatives and may provide for the organization of a regional planning commission. No representative shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The bylaws shall provide for an executive committee of the council and an executive committee of the regional planning commission and may provide for additional committees including nonvoting advisory committees. Meetings of the council shall be called by the chairman or as the bylaws shall otherwise provide and minutes of all meetings of the council, its committees and other official actions shall be filed in the office of the council and shall be of public record.

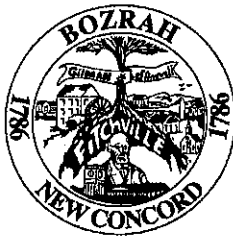
Sec. 4-124o. Regional planning commissions. Section 4-124o is repealed, effective January 1, 2015.

Sec. 4-124p. Receipt of funds. Dues. Contracts. Audits. Annual report. Each regional council of governments established under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, is authorized to receive for its own use and purposes any funds from any source including the state and federal governments and including bequests, gifts and contributions made by any individual, corporation or association. Any town, city or borough participating in a regional council of governments shall annually appropriate funds for the expenses of such council in the performance of its purposes. Such funds shall be appropriated and paid in accordance with a dues formula established by the regional council of governments. Such council may withhold any services it deems advisable from any town, city or borough which has failed to pay such dues. Within the amount so received, a council may engage employees, and contract with professional consultants, municipalities, the state and the federal governments, other regional councils of governments and other intertown, regional or metropolitan agencies, or with any one or more of them, and may enter into contracts from time to time to carry out its purposes. Any such contract shall be approved by action of the regional council of governments in a manner prescribed by the council. The accounts of any regional council of governments shall be subject to an annual audit under the provisions of chapter 111 and such council shall file an annual report with the clerks of its member towns, cities or boroughs, with planning commissions, if any, of members, and with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee.

ATTACHMENT for form SF424, item 14.

Cities (Towns): Bozrah, Lisbon, Sprague.

All three towns are in New London County, State of Connecticut.



**OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN
TOWN OF BOZRAH**

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11/20/2019

Ms. Amanda Kennedy, AICP
Assistant Director
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

Re: SCCOG Application to EPA FY2020 Community-Wide Assessment Grant

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

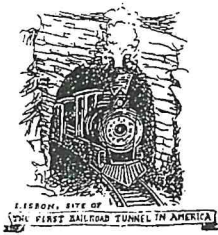
This letter is to indicate my support for the Southeastern Council of Governments' (SCCOG) application for a Community-Wide Assessment Grant under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program. It has been proposed to our town that SCCOG staff prepare an application under this program, with the goal of completing an inventory and assessments of brownfields in the three-town area of Bozrah, Lisbon, and Sprague. If awarded, SCCOG would be the agency in charge of overseeing and administering this effort.

Brownfield redevelopment is an essential piece of the economic and community development strategy for southeastern Connecticut. Further, as a rural town with limited staff capacity, the Town of Bozrah sees obvious value in this regional effort.

As First Selectman of the Town of Bozrah, I am happy to be a part of this regional approach to brownfields identification and assessment. Hopefully this will be a valuable first step toward large-scale brownfield remediation and the social, economic, and environmental benefits it brings. If you have any questions, please contact me at 860-889-2689. I certainly look forward to hearing word of yours being a successful application.

Sincerely,

Carl Zorn
First Selectman
Town of Bozrah



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November 20, 2019

Ms. Amanda Kennedy, AICP
Assistant Director
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

Re: SCCOG Application to EPA FY2020 Community-Wide Assessment Grant

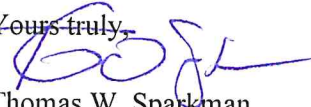
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Brownfield redevelopment is an essential piece of the economic and community development strategy for southeastern Connecticut. Further, as a rural town with limited staff capacity, the Town of Lisbon sees obvious value in this regional effort.

As First Selectman of the Town of Lisbon, I am happy to be a part of this regional approach to brownfields identification and assessment. Hopefully this will be a valuable first step toward large-scale brownfield remediation and the social, economic, and environmental benefits it brings. If you have any questions, please contact me at 860-376-3400. I certainly look forward to hearing word of yours being a successful application.

~~Yours truly,~~


Thomas W. Sparkman
First Selectman
Town of Lisbon



Cheryl A. Blanchard
First Selectman

Town of Sprague

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November 25, 2019

Ms. Amanda Kennedy, AICP
Assistant Director
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

2020
Re: SCCOG Application to EPA FY2018 Community-Wide Assessment Grant

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

This letter is to indicate my support for the Southeastern Council of Governments' (SCCOG) application for a Community-Wide Assessment Grant under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program. It has been proposed to our town that SCCOG staff, in partnership with the Connecticut Brownfields Initiative (CBI), of the University of Connecticut, prepare an application under this program, with the goal of completing a three-town assessment of existing brownfields in the Towns of Bozrah, Lisbon and Sprague. If awarded, SCCOG would be the agency in charge of overseeing and administering this effort.

Brownfield redevelopment is an essential piece of the economic and community development strategy for southeastern Connecticut. Further, as a rural town with limited staff capacity, the Town of Sprague sees obvious value in this regional effort.

As First Selectman of the Town of Sprague, I am happy to be a part of this regional approach to brownfields identification and assessment. Hopefully this will be a valuable first step toward large-scale brownfield remediation and the social, economic, and environmental benefits it brings. If you have any questions, please contact me at 860 822-3000 x 202. I certainly look forward to hearing word of yours being a successful application.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Blanchard

Cheryl A. Blanchard
First Selectman
Town of Sprague

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/03/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

Connecticut

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

6021269140000

d. Address:

* Street1:

5 Connecticut Avenue

Street2:

* City:

Norwich

County/Parish:

Connecticut

* State:

CT: Connecticut

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

06360-1501

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Amanda

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Kennedy

Suffix:

Title:

Assistant Director

Organizational Affiliation:

SCCOG

* Telephone Number:

8608892324

Fax Number:

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akennedy@seccog.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

E: Regional Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

1238-sf424-cities.pdf

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Three-town brownfield inventory, and assessment and reuse planning program for select sites.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: